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In a sample survey in November of 1969, the U.S. Bureau of Census found that approximately 9.2 million persons living in the 50 states of the United States and the District of Columbia identified themselves as being of Spanish origin. Three characteristics--Spanish origin, mother tongue, and language usually spoken at home--were used to identify the Spanish population. The survey identified 5.1 million persons of Mexican origin; 1.5 million of Puerto Rican origin; 600,000 each of Cuban, and Central or South American origin; and 1.6 million of other Spanish origin. The report focuses on the social and economic characteristics of this population. The table of contents lists the following major divisions: (1) Type of Spanish Origin, (2) Language, (3) Educational Attainment and Literacy, (4) Employment Status and Occupation, and (5) Income. Tables are included in each division. (EJ)

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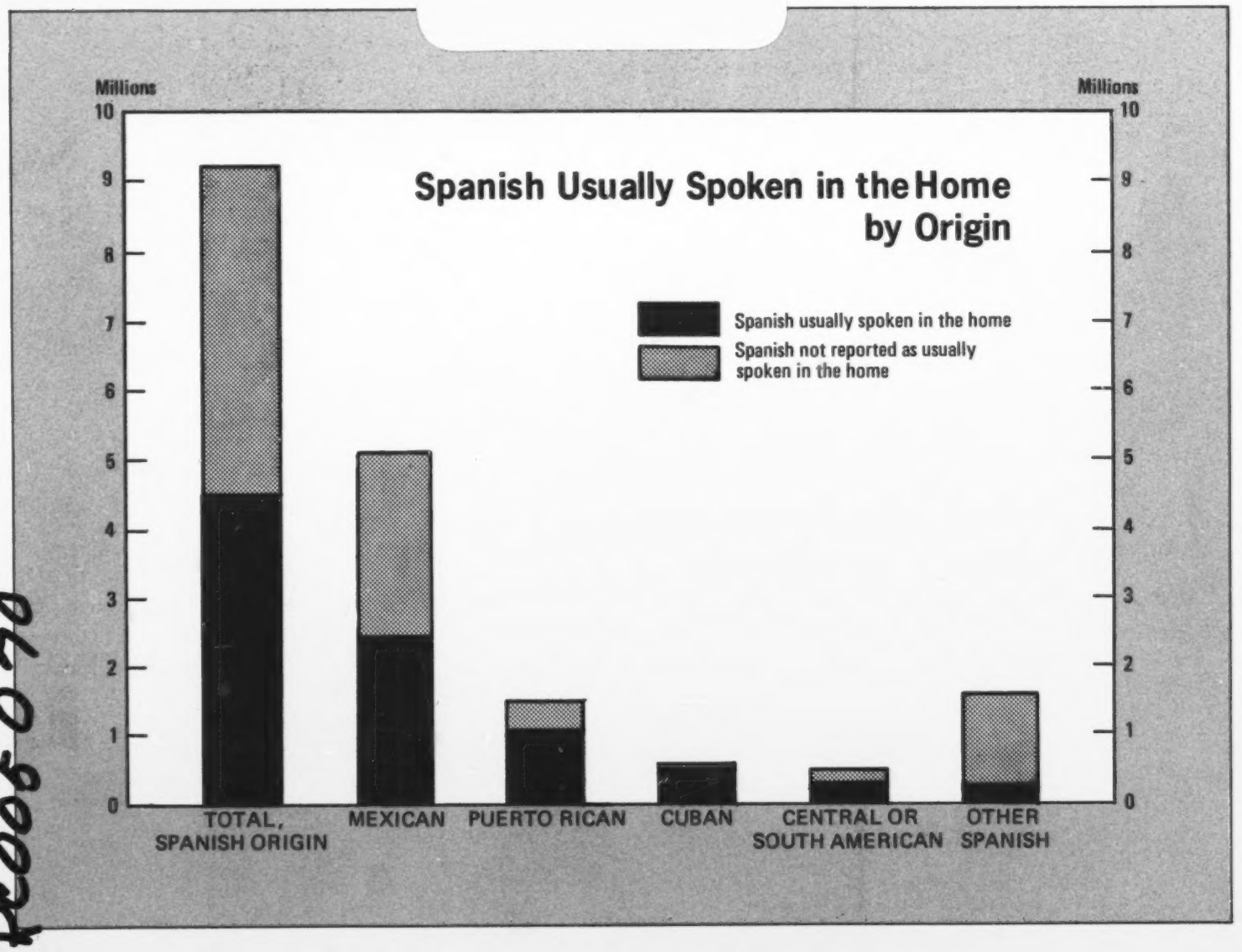

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Persons of Spanish Origin in the United States: November 1969

INTRODUCTION

A sample survey in November 1969 found that 9.2 million persons living in the 50 States of the United States and the District of Columbia identified themselves as being of Spanish origin. The following statistical report focuses on the social and economic characteristics of this population group. Data are presented on type of Spanish origin, mother tongue, language usually spoken in the home, educational attainment and literacy, employment status and broad occupation group, and income.

The data for November 1969 for persons of Spanish origin were derived from replies to a question on specific types of Spanish origin. The total of 9.2 million persons classified as Spanish was comprised of about 5.1 million persons of Mexican origin, 1.5 million of Puerto Rican origin, 600,000 each of Cuban, and Central or South American origin, and 1.6 million of Other Spanish origin. These data based on origin are more inclusive than data previously provided on the Spanish population. Earlier data were based on various measures: in 1950 and 1960 on Spanish surname for the five Southwestern States, in 1940 on Spanish mother tongue, in 1930 on the classification of Mexican, and in each of the censuses from 1890 to 1960 on the birthplace of the person and his parents.

In this report Spanish origin, mother tongue, and language usually spoken in the home were used to identify the Spanish population. The number of persons with combinations of these three characteristics are shown in table A.

Table A. PERSONS REPORTING SPANISH ORIGIN, SPANISH MOTHER TONGUE, AND SPANISH USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME: NOVEMBER 1969

Characteristic	Number (thousands)
Spanish origin	9,230
Spanish origin and Spanish mother tongue	6,358
Spanish origin, Spanish mother tongue, and Spanish current language	[1]4,200
Spanish origin and Spanish current language	4,498
Spanish mother tongue	6,700
Spanish mother tongue and Spanish current language	4,569
Spanish mother tongue, Spanish current language, and Spanish origin	[1]4,200
Spanish mother tongue and Spanish origin	6,358
Spanish current language	4,622
Spanish current language and Spanish origin	4,498
Spanish current language, Spanish origin, and Spanish mother tongue	[1]4,200
Spanish current language and Spanish mother tongue	4,569

[1]Estimated: range is from 4.0 to 4.5 million.

SURVEY FINDINGS

About 5 percent of the approximately 200 million people in the United States reported that they were of Spanish origin. Four out of every five Spanish origin persons were born in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or in outlying areas of the United States. Spanish is currently spoken in the homes of about one-half of the population of Spanish origin. With the exception of English, Spanish is spoken by more persons than any other language in the United States. The continued use of Spanish is an indicator of the strength of those bonds which tie Spanish persons to each other and to their past.

Of the 9.2 million persons of Spanish origin identified in the November Survey, 55 percent were of Mexican origin, 16 percent of Puerto Rican origin, 6 percent of Cuban origin, 6 percent of Central or South American origin, and the remaining 17 percent of Other Spanish origin. A large portion of the Spanish origin population (61 percent) was concentrated in the five Southwestern States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas.

Persons of Spanish origin were on the average about 8 years younger than other persons in the United States. Among the Spanish origin groups, those of Mexican origin had a median age of 17.8 years compared with 28.4 years reported for persons of Cuban origin.

The educational level of the population of Spanish origin 35 years old or older lagged behind that of persons of other origins of the same age, 8.5 years of school completed compared with 12.0 years, respectively. However, this gap should be somewhat smaller in the future as evidenced by the difference between the median educational attainment for young adults 25 to 34 years of age of Spanish and other origins, 11.7 and 12.6 years, respectively.

Comparison of the survey results for the Spanish origin population with other groups revealed that:

Spanish origin family income was on the average $5,600, about 70 percent of that of other families.

Spanish origin persons had an unemployment rate of 6.0 percent, about 1.7 times the unemployment rate of all other persons in the labor force.

Spanish origin workers were less likely to hold white-collar jobs than the remaining employed population of the United States. Only 25 percent of the employed Spanish origin men and 41 percent of employed Spanish women held white-collar positions in comparison to 41 percent for all other men and 61 percent for all other women.

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I Type of Spanish Origin

In the November 1969 Current Population Survey, 9.2 million persons identified themselves as of Spanish origin. Of these persons, 55 percent classified themselves as Mexican, 16 percent as Puerto Rican, 6 percent as Cuban, 6 percent as Central or South American, and 17 percent as Other Spanish. Three-fifths of the Spanish origin population lived in the five Southwestern States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. In the Southwest, 79 percent of the Spanish population was of Mexican origin. In the remaining 45 States and the District of Columbia, persons of Puerto Rican origin represented 37 percent of the Spanish population and were the largest of the five types of Spanish origin population groups.

Table 1. SPANISH ORIGIN POPULATION FOR THE UNITED STATES, FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES, AND REMAINDER: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Origin	United States		Five Southwestern States[1]		Remainder of United States	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	9,230	100.0	5,507	100.0	3,723	100.0
Mexican.....	5,073	55.0	4,360	79.2	713	19.1
Puerto Rican.....	1,454	15.8	61	1.1	1,393	37.4
Cuban.....	565	6.1	82	1.5	483	13.0
Central or South American.....	556	6.0	170	3.1	386	10.4
Other Spanish.....	1,582	17.1	835	15.2	748	20.1

[1]Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas.

Most of the persons of Spanish origin (79 percent) were born in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or in outlying areas of the United States. A majority (61 percent) of the 7.3 million native of Spanish origin lived in the five Southwestern States (Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas). Among the native Spanish origin population, 823,000 were born in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Foreign-born persons of Spanish origin constituted the largest group of foreign-born persons living in the United States. Among the 10.9 million foreign-born persons, 1.9 million were persons of Spanish origin who were born in a foreign country.

Table 2. SPANISH ORIGIN POPULATION BY PLACE OF BIRTH FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES: NOVEMBER 1969

(In thousands)

Area and origin	Total	Native, born in--		Foreign born, born in--		
		United States[1]	Puerto Rico	Mexico	Cuba	Other
UNITED STATES						
Total.....	9,230	6,495	823	869	494	549
Mexican.....	5,073	4,207	-	861	-	5
Puerto Rican.....	1,454	636	811	-	1	6
Cuban.....	565	99	-	-	462	4
Central or South American.....	556	199	2	-	1	353
Other Spanish.....	1,582	1,352	11	8	30	181
FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES						
Total.....	5,507	4,468	21	773	62	183
Mexican.....	4,360	3,592	-	765	-	3
Puerto Rican.....	61	42	20	-	-	-
Cuban.....	82	27	-	-	52	3
Central or South American.....	170	62	-	-	-	108
Other Spanish.....	835	745	2	8	10	70

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

[1]Excludes a small number of persons for whom place of birth was not reported. These persons were included in the category Foreign born, born in "Other."

Persons of Spanish origin were younger than the total population of the United States. One-half of the persons of Spanish origin in 1969 were under 19.9 years of age, whereas half of the residents of the United States as a whole were under 28.0 years of age. The proportion of persons of Spanish origin under 16 years old was substantially larger, and the proportion 65 and over was considerably smaller, than the corresponding proportions for the entire country.

Table 3. ORIGIN OF THE POPULATION BY AGE: NOVEMBER 1969

Age	Total population[1]	Spanish origin					
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central or South American	Other Spanish
Total....thous..	198,214	9,230	5,073	1,454	565	556	1,582
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under 10 years....	19.5	26.8	28.4	30.3	16.3	23.6	23.6
10 to 13 years....	8.3	10.7	11.6	12.1	6.5	7.2	9.1
14 and 15 years...	4.0	4.9	5.5	3.7	4.6	5.0	4.4
16 and 17 years...	3.8	4.4	5.0	3.4	4.6	3.2	3.7
18 to 24 years....	10.8	11.8	11.9	12.7	11.3	12.1	10.8
25 to 34 years....	12.0	13.4	11.1	14.7	19.3	22.5	14.3
35 to 44 years....	11.4	11.9	11.2	11.0	16.5	14.4	12.3
45 to 64 years....	20.7	12.8	12.4	10.0	16.8	9.0	16.5
65 to 74 years....	5.9	2.4	2.1	1.3	3.2	1.8	4.1
75 years and over.	3.6	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.3
Under 18 years....	35.6	46.8	50.5	49.5	32.0	39.0	40.7
18 to 64 years....	55.0	49.9	46.7	48.4	63.9	57.9	53.9
65 years and over.	9.5	3.3	2.9	2.1	4.1	3.1	5.4
Median age...yrs..	28.0	19.9	17.8	18.3	28.4	24.4	24.0

[1]Includes persons of origins other than Spanish and origin not reported.

Three out of every four married persons of Spanish origin were married to a partner whose origin was Spanish. About seven out of every ten married persons of Spanish origin were married to a person of identical Spanish origin. Mexicans tended to marry Mexicans, Cubans tended to marry Cubans, and persons of Puerto Rican origin tended to choose a spouse of Puerto Rican origin. Yet, one out of every four married persons of Spanish origin was married to a partner whose origin was not Spanish. When a person of Spanish origin did not choose a spouse of his own specific origin, the possibility that another Spanish person would be chosen was low (one in six). Intermarriage between the five types of Spanish origin involved only 5 percent of all married Spanish persons.

Table 4. ORIGIN OF HEAD BY ORIGIN OF WIFE FOR HUSBAND-WIFE HOUSEHOLDS BY ORIGIN AND AGE OF HEAD: NOVEMBER 1969

(In thousands)

Origin and age of head	Total	Origin of wife							
		Spanish						Other Origin	Origin not reported
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central or South American	Other Spanish		
Head, 16 years and over	43,622	1,603	818	224	131	103	327	37,714	4,305
Spanish origin	1,591	1,211	709	193	110	68	131	347	33
Mexican	824	706	684	1	-	3	18	101	17
Puerto Rican	221	194	1	186	3	1	3	26	-
Cuban	120	110	1	-	100	4	4	10	-
Central or South American	98	74	6	3	3	60	3	22	2
Other Spanish	328	127	17	3	4	-	103	188	14
Other Origin	37,261	364	100	30	19	34	180	35,168	1,731
Origin not reported	4,771	29	10	-	3	-	17	2,200	2,541
Head, 18 to 44 years	21,278	1,030	494	166	98	74	197	18,121	2,126
Spanish origin	1,017	776	422	143	80	51	77	228	11
Mexican	504	425	407	1	-	1	15	73	4
Puerto Rican	161	143	-	137	3	-	2	18	-
Cuban	89	81	1	-	73	3	2	8	-
Central or South American	75	58	6	2	1	47	3	16	-
Other Spanish	188	69	8	3	3	-	55	113	7
Other Origin	17,739	228	66	21	14	19	105	16,599	907
Origin not reported	2,520	23	6	-	3	-	15	1,287	1,206

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

In 1969 there were 4.1 million related persons of Spanish origin under 18 years old who were living in households where both the household head and his wife were present. (Most of these related persons were children living with both parents.) About two-thirds of these children lived in households in which both the head and the wife were of Spanish origin.

Within the Spanish community, there was a stronger tendency to maintain lines of Spanish descent among persons of Mexican and Puerto Rican origin than among those of Central or South American or Other Spanish origin. For example, both parents of four-fifths of the children of Mexican origin were of Spanish origin, whereas only one-sixth of the children classified as Other Spanish had parents both of whom were Spanish. Of children with one or both parents of Central or South American origin, one-half were exclusively of Spanish origin.

Table 5. RELATED PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IN HUSBAND-WIFE HOUSEHOLDS BY ORIGIN OF HEAD AND WIFE: NOVEMBER 1969

(In thousands)

Origin of head	Total related persons under 18 years	Origin of wife							
		Spanish						Other Origin	Origin not reported
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban	Central or South American	Other Spanish		
Total related persons under 18 years.....	60,590	3,506	2,050	498	185	187	587	52,193	4,890
Origin of Head									
Spanish origin.....	3,294	2,732	1,837	418	148	127	202	536	26
Mexican.....	2,028	1,854	1,808	4	-	8	35	161	13
Puerto Rican.....	484	423	4	407	8	2	2	61	-
Cuban.....	158	145	2	-	135	3	4	13	-
Central or South American..	160	125	3	3	1	114	4	35	-
Other Spanish.....	464	185	20	4	4	-	157	266	13
Other Origin.....	50,182	624	163	67	28	55	312	47,468	2,087
Origin not reported.....	7,116	151	51	14	8	6	72	4,188	2,776

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

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II. Language

Although 95 percent of all persons reporting Spanish as their mother tongue in 1969 were of Spanish origin, 31 percent of the population of Spanish origin reported some other language, principally English, as their mother tongue. English was reported as the mother tongue of about one-fourth of the persons of Mexican and of Central or South American origin; corresponding figures were 16 percent for Puerto Rican, 5 percent for Cuban, and 57 percent for persons of Other Spanish origin. Persons of Spanish origin comprised only 5 percent of the total population of the United States but 19 percent of all persons reporting a mother tongue other than English.

Table 6. MOTHER TONGUE BY ORIGIN: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Origin	Total	Mother tongue		
		English	Spanish	Other and not reported
Total	198,214	161,787	6,700	[1]29,728
Spanish	9,230	2,659	6,358	212
Mexican	5,073	1,368	3,658	46
Puerto Rican	1,454	227	1,208	19
Cuban	565	26	536	4
Central or South American	556	141	383	31
Other Spanish	1,582	897	573	112
Other and not reported	188,983	159,130	342	29,513
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION				
Total	100.0	81.6	3.4	15.0
Spanish	100.0	28.8	68.9	2.3
Mexican	100.0	27.0	72.1	0.9
Puerto Rican	100.0	15.6	83.1	1.3
Cuban	100.0	4.5	94.8	0.7
Central or South American	100.0	25.3	68.9	5.6
Other Spanish	100.0	56.7	36.2	7.1
Other and not reported	100.0	84.2	0.2	15.6

[1]Includes 3,581 persons for whom mother tongue was not reported.

The median age of persons in the United States reporting Spanish mother tongue in 1969 was 26.0 years. These persons were older, on the average, than persons of Spanish origin as a whole (19.9 years) and younger than the entire population of the United States (28.0 years). Among those who reported Spanish as their mother tongue, native were younger (22.7 years) than the foreign born (35.1 years).

Table 7. MEDIAN AGE BY NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE: NOVEMBER 1969

Nativity	Total	Mother tongue			
		English	Spanish	Other	Not reported
Total.....	28.0	23.6	26.0	49.4	46.4
Native.....	26.8	23.5	22.7	47.4	46.4
Foreign born.....	49.4	38.0	35.1	58.7	(B)

B Base less than 75,000.

About 32.8 million persons reported a mother tongue other than English. Of these, 6.7 million reported Spanish.

Of the 6.7 million persons with Spanish mother tongue, 1.8 million were born in foreign countries. Persons reporting Spanish as their mother tongue constituted one-fifth of all persons who reported that their mother tongue was a language other than English.

Table 8. MOTHER TONGUE BY NATIVITY: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Nativity	Total	Mother tongue			
		English	Spanish	Other	Not reported
Total.....	198,214	161,787	6,700	26,147	3,581
Native.....	187,333	158,954	4,878	19,992	3,506
Foreign born.....	10,882	2,833	1,822	6,153	74
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Native.....	94.5	98.2	72.8	76.5	97.9
Foreign born.....	5.5	1.8	27.2	23.5	2.1

About 64 percent of the native population with Spanish mother tongue lived in the five Southwestern States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Approximately one-half of foreign-born persons of Spanish mother tongue lived in that portion of the Nation. Three out of every four persons in the Southwest reporting Spanish mother tongue were native; for the remainder of the Nation, a smaller proportion--two out of every three--of the persons of Spanish mother tongue were native. About 90 percent of persons reporting Spanish mother tongue who were born in Mexico lived in the Southwest, whereas 12 percent of the persons born in Cuba with Spanish mother tongue lived in that area.

Table 9. SPANISH MOTHER TONGUE BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Nativity and country of birth	United States		Five Southwestern States		Five Southwestern States as a percent of the United States
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total reporting Spanish mother tongue.....	6,700	100.0	4,081	100.0	60.9
Native[1].....	4,871	72.7	3,100	76.0	63.6
Puerto Rico.....	806	12.0	22	0.5	2.7
Foreign born.....	1,830	27.3	982	24.1	53.7
Mexico.....	856	12.8	767	18.8	89.6
Cuba.....	491	7.3	60	1.5	12.2
Other and not reported....	483	7.2	155	3.8	32.1

[1]Excludes a small number of persons for whom place of birth was not reported. These persons were included with the foreign-born population.

In 1969, about one-half of all persons of Spanish origin reported English as the language usually spoken in their home. Within the Spanish origin group, English was reported as the language usually spoken in the home by 52 percent of persons of Mexican origin, 27 percent of Puerto Rican, 12 percent of Cuban, 43 percent of Central or South American, and 83 percent of persons of Other Spanish origin.

Persons of Spanish origin comprised 5 percent of the total population of the United States, but about half of all persons reporting a language other than English usually spoken in their home.

Table 10. LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME BY ORIGIN: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Origin	Total	Language usually spoken in home		
		English	Spanish	Other and not reported
Total	198,214	186,527	4,622	[1]7,065
Spanish	9,230	4,643	4,498	87
Mexican	5,073	2,632	2,401	39
Puerto Rican	1,454	393	1,049	12
Cuban	565	69	492	4
Central or South American	556	236	301	17
Other Spanish	1,582	1,313	255	15
Other and not reported	188,983	181,884	122	6,975
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION				
Total	100.0	94.1	2.3	3.6
Spanish	100.0	50.3	48.7	0.9
Mexican	100.0	51.9	47.3	0.8
Puerto Rican	100.0	27.0	72.1	0.8
Cuban	100.0	12.3	87.0	0.7
Central or South American	100.0	42.6	54.2	3.1
Other Spanish	100.0	83.0	16.1	0.9
Other and not reported	100.0	96.2	0.1	3.7

[1]Includes 3,289 persons for whom language usually spoken in the home was not reported.

About 4.6 million persons reported that Spanish was usually spoken in their home at the time of the 1969 survey. Spanish was reported as spoken in the home by 55 percent of all persons reporting a language other than English. The average age of persons reporting Spanish was 21.5 years in contrast with 28.0 years for the total population of the United States and 41.9 years for persons who reported a language other than Spanish or English.

Table 11. LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME BY AGE: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Age	Total	Language usually spoken in home			
		English	Spanish	Other	Not reported
Total.....	198,214	186,527	4,622	3,776	3,289
Under 14 years.....	55,077	52,544	1,631	711	191
14 and 15 years.....	7,898	7,408	223	109	158
16 to 24 years.....	28,955	27,237	749	440	529
25 to 44 years.....	46,501	43,865	1,187	743	705
45 to 64 years.....	40,985	38,340	640	872	1,134
65 years and over.....	18,798	17,133	192	901	572
Median age.....years..	28.0	27.8	21.5	41.9	46.1

The language usually spoken in a person's home is related to nativity and mother tongue. It is to be expected that persons of second, third, and later generations of immigrant stock will be less likely to speak a foreign language in their home than their foreign-born ancestors. This relationship existed among persons who reported Spanish as their mother tongue. The 1969 survey showed that 81 percent of the foreign born and 64 percent of the native population reported their mother tongue--Spanish--as the language usually spoken in their home. Among persons who reported a mother tongue other than English or Spanish, a similar relationship existed--31 percent of the foreign born but only 6 percent of the native population continued to speak their mother tongue.

Table 12. LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME BY NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Nativity and mother tongue	Total		Language usually spoken in home		
	Number	Percent	Mother tongue	Other language	Not reported
Total.....	198,214	(X)	168,903	26,019	3,289
Native.....	187,333	100.0	162,688	21,399	3,244
English.....	158,954	84.9	158,386	527	41
Spanish.....	4,878	2.6	3,096	1,782	-
Other.....	19,992	10.7	1,206	18,774	12
Not reported.....	3,506	1.9	(X)	316	3,190
Foreign born.....	10,882	100.0	6,215	4,620	45
English.....	2,833	26.0	2,813	18	1
Spanish.....	1,822	16.7	1,473	349	-
Other.....	6,153	56.5	1,929	4,208	15
Not reported.....	74	0.7	(X)	45	29
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION					
Native.....	100.0	(X)	86.8	11.4	1.7
English.....	100.0	(X)	99.6	0.3	-
Spanish.....	100.0	(X)	63.5	36.5	-
Other.....	100.0	(X)	6.0	93.9	0.1
Not reported.....	100.0	(X)	(X)	9.0	91.0
Foreign born.....	100.0	(X)	57.1	42.5	0.4
English.....	100.0	(X)	99.3	0.6	-
Spanish.....	100.0	(X)	80.8	19.2	-
Other.....	100.0	(X)	31.4	68.4	0.2
Not reported.....	100.0	(X)	(X)	60.8	39.2

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. X Not applicable.

Of the 4.6 million persons reporting that Spanish was usually spoken in their home, about two-thirds were born in the United States or Puerto Rico. Of these native-born persons, 58 percent were living in the five Southwestern States. A similar porportion of the foreign-born Spanish speakers were also living in the Southwestern United States. About half of the foreign born were born in Mexico, and 92 percent of these persons lived in the five Southwestern States. Only 13 percent of Cuban-born Spanish-speaking persons lived in the Southwest.

Table 13. SPANISH USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FIVE SOUTHWESTERN STATES: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Nativity and country of birth	United States		Five Southwestern States		Five Southwestern States as a percent of the United States
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total reporting Spanish usually spoken in home.	4,622	100.0	2,623	100.0	56.8
Native[1]	3,139	67.9	1,826	69.6	58.2
Puerto Rico	688	14.9	17	0.6	2.5
Foreign born	1,484	32.1	798	30.4	53.8
Mexico	692	15.0	637	24.3	92.1
Cuba	453	9.8	57	2.2	12.6
Other and not reported	339	7.3	104	4.0	30.7

[1]Excludes a small number of persons for whom place of birth was not reported. These persons were included with the foreign-born population.

18/20 III Educational Attainment and Literacy

Persons of Spanish origin had a lower level of educational attainment than other Americans. Significant differences in educational attainment of persons of Spanish origin existed between persons 35 years old and over and those 25 to 34 years. Thus, one-half of those persons 35 years old and over had completed only 8.5 years or more of school as compared with 11.7 years for the younger group. Within the Mexican origin group, comparable medians were 7.3 and 10.8 years.

Table 14. EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY ORIGIN AND AGE: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and origin	Total	Elementary		High school		College, 1 or more years	Median school years completed
		0 to 7 years	8 years	1 to 3 years	4 years		
SPANISH ORIGIN							
Total, 25 years old and over	3,815	1,345	495	675	850	452	9.3
25 to 34 years old	1,239	238	124	291	399	187	11.7
Mexican	565	131	68	138	182	46	10.8
Puerto Rican	214	68	19	69	45	13	9.9
Cuban	109	12	14	13	36	34	12.4
Central or South American	125	11	15	21	44	35	12.4
Other Spanish	226	16	8	50	92	59	12.4
35 years old and over	2,576	1,107	371	384	451	265	8.5
Mexican	1,343	737	182	187	161	76	7.3
Puerto Rican	335	179	54	39	45	19	7.5
Cuban	211	47	46	22	52	45	10.8
Central or South American	147	37	18	23	37	32	11.4
Other Spanish	540	107	71	113	156	93	11.4
OTHER ORIGIN AND NOT REPORTED							
Total, 25 years old and over	102,466	13,350	13,749	18,010	35,135	22,228	12.2
25 to 34 years old	22,643	826	1,027	3,860	9,989	6,946	12.6
35 years old and over	79,823	12,524	12,722	14,150	25,146	15,282	12.0

About two out of every five (39 percent) persons, 16 to 24, who were literate in their Spanish mother tongue, had completed at least 4 years of high school. For those literate in their English mother tongue, the ratio was three out of five (59 percent). Among their elders, about 23 percent of those literate in Spanish, but 48 percent of those literate in English, had completed at least 4 years of high school.

Table 15. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE MOTHER TONGUE BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED AND AGE: NOVEMBER 1969

Mother tongue and age	Total	Elementary			High school		College, 1 or more years	Median school years completed
		0 to 4 years	5 to 7 years	8 years	1 to 3 years	4 years		
Spanish mother tongue, 14 years old and over	100.0	12.5	17.4	14.2	22.0	21.3	12.6	9.8
14 and 15 years	100.0	0.5	31.6	43.2	24.4	-	-	8.4
16 to 24 years	100.0	3.0	9.5	10.0	38.7	27.1	11.7	11.1
25 years and over	100.0	16.2	18.8	13.5	16.7	21.0	13.7	9.3
25 to 44 years	100.0	10.5	17.2	12.3	18.4	24.9	16.7	10.6
45 years and over	100.0	26.0	21.6	15.5	13.8	14.5	8.7	8.2
Other mother tongue, 14 years old and over	100.0	2.7	7.4	12.7	22.9	32.8	21.6	12.1
English mother tongue, 14 years and over	100.0	2.3	7.1	12.1	23.9	33.0	21.7	12.1
14 and 15 years	100.0	0.2	15.4	44.3	39.8	0.3	-	8.8
16 to 24 years	100.0	0.3	1.5	3.1	35.9	35.0	24.2	12.3
25 years and over	100.0	3.1	8.2	12.0	18.5	35.3	22.9	12.2
25 to 44 years	100.0	0.9	4.1	5.9	18.9	42.5	27.7	12.5
45 years and over	100.0	5.0	11.7	17.3	18.2	29.1	18.7	11.6
All other mother tongue, 14 years and over	100.0	5.9	9.7	17.2	15.0	31.2	21.0	12.1
14 and 15 years	100.0	-	19.3	34.2	46.0	1.0	-	8.9
16 to 24 years	100.0	0.2	2.5	4.4	22.9	39.0	30.9	12.5
25 years and over	100.0	6.5	10.3	18.1	13.9	30.8	20.4	12.0
25 to 44 years	100.0	1.3	3.9	7.6	13.5	41.2	32.4	12.6
45 years and over	100.0	8.9	13.3	23.1	14.1	25.9	14.7	10.0

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Among persons 16 to 24 years old who reported they were able to read and write the language usually spoken in their home, 31 percent had completed at least 4 years of high school when that language was Spanish and 60 percent when it was English. Comparable percentages among persons 45 years old and over were 15 and 46 percent, respectively.

Table 16. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN IN THE HOME BY YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED AND AGE: NOVEMBER 1969

Language usually spoken in home and age	Total	Elementary			High school		College, 1 or more years	Median school years completed
		0 to 4 years	5 to 7 years	8 years	1 to 3 years	4 years		
Spanish current language, 14 years old and over	100.0	17.4	22.0	15.7	20.1	16.8	7.9	8.7
14 and 15 years	100.0	-	34.6	44.9	20.6	-	-	8.3
16 to 24 years	100.0	4.1	12.8	12.6	39.5	22.7	8.0	10.6
25 years and over	100.0	23.3	24.1	14.4	13.5	16.2	8.5	8.2
25 to 44 years	100.0	15.5	23.9	14.3	15.8	20.0	10.6	8.7
45 years and over	100.0	35.3	24.4	14.8	10.0	10.4	5.0	6.8
Other current language, 14 years old and over	100.0	2.6	7.4	13.1	22.7	33.0	21.2	12.1
English current language, 14 years old and over	100.0	2.4	7.3	13.0	22.9	33.2	21.3	12.1
14 and 15 years	100.0	0.1	15.5	44.2	39.9	0.3	-	8.8
16 to 24 years	100.0	0.3	1.5	3.1	35.1	35.6	24.4	12.3
25 years and over	100.0	3.1	8.2	13.3	18.2	35.1	22.1	12.2
25 to 44 years	100.0	0.9	3.8	6.2	18.5	42.7	27.9	12.5
45 years and over	100.0	4.9	11.7	19.1	17.9	28.9	17.5	11.4
All other current language, 14 years old and over	100.0	15.2	17.3	17.9	13.5	19.4	16.6	9.0
14 and 15 years	100.0	1.2	25.0	40.8	30.5	1.7	-	8.6
16 to 24 years	100.0	0.8	3.2	8.9	35.7	26.9	23.9	12.1
25 years and over	100.0	18.3	19.4	18.6	8.9	18.8	16.0	8.7
25 to 44 years	100.0	5.5	13.1	16.1	10.5	28.4	26.4	12.2
45 years and over	100.0	24.0	22.2	19.8	8.2	14.5	11.4	8.2

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

Nine-tenths of persons 10 to 24 years old in the Spanish origin population reported the ability to read and write English as compared with only three-fourths of the persons 25 years and over. The higher proportion of young persons of Spanish origin able to read and write English promises an adult Spanish origin population more literate in English in the future.

Table 17. PERCENT OF PERSONS 10 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH BY ORIGIN, AGE, AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

Age and sex	Total	Spanish origin					Other Origin and origin not reported
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Cuban, Central or South American	Other Spanish	
Total, 10 years and over....	95.0	80.2	82.7	69.4	66.6	92.1	95.7
10 to 24 years.....	96.8	91.1	95.1	80.6	81.4	93.2	97.1
25 years and over.....	94.2	71.9	71.5	59.7	59.3	91.3	95.0
Male, 10 years and over.....	95.3	82.8	85.1	72.9	73.3	91.1	95.8
10 to 24 years.....	96.7	91.7	95.1	82.3	84.6	93.4	97.0
25 years and over.....	94.6	75.9	75.8	65.1	67.2	90.0	95.3
Female, 10 years and over.....	94.8	77.9	80.4	66.1	60.8	93.0	95.6
10 to 24 years.....	96.9	90.6	95.3	79.1	78.0	93.5	97.2
25 years and over.....	93.9	68.1	67.4	55.6	52.0	91.9	94.8

Among the 5.1 million persons 14 years old and over who reported that Spanish was their mother tongue, 75 percent reported they were literate in English. The same proportion also reported being literate in Spanish. The proportion reporting English tended to decline with age from 96 percent for persons 14 and 15 years old to 72 percent for persons 35 to 44 years old, and 42 percent for persons 65 years old and over. Among those who reported being literate in Spanish, the proportion for young persons 16 to 24 years old and for persons 65 years old and over was below that reported for those in the 25 to 44 and 45 to 64 year age groups.

Table 18. ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH AND ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE SPANISH FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING SPANISH MOTHER TONGUE BY AGE AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and sex	Total, Spanish mother tongue	Able to read and write--			
		English[1]		Spanish[1]	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 14 years and over	5,069	3,823	75.4	3,761	74.2
14 and 15 years	342	329	96.1	190	55.6
16 and 17 years	323	306	94.7	838	66.2
18 to 24 years	943	789	83.7		
25 to 34 years	1,130	870	77.0	1,717	80.3
35 to 44 years	1,008	723	71.8		
45 to 64 years	1,057	695	65.7	844	79.8
65 years and over	266	111	41.7	173	65.0
Male, 14 years and over	2,375	1,874	78.9	1,744	73.4
14 and 15 years	174	169	97.2	81	46.6
16 and 17 years	154	143	93.2	358	62.4
18 to 24 years	420	364	86.7		
25 to 34 years	516	411	79.6	785	81.2
35 to 44 years	451	345	76.6		
45 to 64 years	526	380	72.2	423	80.4
65 years and over	134	62	46.3	97	72.4
Female, 14 years and over	2,695	1,951	72.4	2,017	74.8
14 and 15 years	169	160	95.0	109	64.5
16 and 17 years	169	163	96.0	480	69.4
18 to 24 years	523	426	81.3		
25 to 34 years	614	459	74.7	932	79.6
35 to 44 years	557	378	67.9		
45 to 64 years	531	315	59.3	420	79.1
65 years and over	132	50	37.9	76	57.6

[1]Not mutually exclusive of Spanish or English.

Of the 3 million persons 14 years old and over in whose home Spanish was usually spoken, 60 percent reported they could read and write English. The proportion able to read and write English declined from 95 percent for persons 14 and 15 years old to 59 percent for persons 25 to 34 years old; for the group 65 years old and over, the proportion was only 23 percent. The 3 million persons also reported on their ability to read and write Spanish. Of these, approximately 79 percent reported that they were literate in Spanish.

Table 19. ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH AND ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE SPANISH FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING SPANISH AS THE LANGUAGE USUALLY SPOKEN IN THEIR HOME BY AGE AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and sex	Total, Spanish current language	Able to read and write--			
		English[1]		Spanish[1]	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 14 years and over	2,991	1,803	60.3	2,373	79.3
14 and 15 years	223	212	95.3	133	59.6
16 and 17 years	209	190	91.0	563	75.2
18 to 24 years	540	398	73.7		
25 to 34 years	621	366	59.0	1,020	85.9
35 to 44 years	566	291	51.5		
45 to 64 years	640	302	47.2	535	83.6
65 years and over	192	44	22.9	122	63.5
Male, 14 years and over	1,413	931	65.9	1,111	78.6
14 and 15 years	112	107	95.6	58	51.8
16 and 17 years	107	94	87.7	249	69.9
18 to 24 years	249	197	79.2		
25 to 34 years	292	186	63.6	478	87.7
35 to 44 years	253	153	60.5		
45 to 64 years	305	170	55.6	259	84.9
65 years and over	95	24	25.3	67	70.5
Female, 14 years and over	1,578	875	55.4	1,261	79.9
14 and 15 years	111	106	95.0	75	67.6
16 and 17 years	102	96	94.5	314	79.9
18 to 24 years	291	201	69.0		
25 to 34 years	329	181	54.9	543	84.7
35 to 44 years	312	138	44.1		
45 to 64 years	335	133	39.6	276	82.4
65 years and over	98	20	20.4	55	56.1

[1]Not mutually exclusive of Spanish or English.

In 1969, 5.1 million persons 14 years of age and over reported Spanish as their mother tongue. Of these persons 2.8 million, or 55 percent, reported they were able to read and write both English and Spanish; 21 percent reported they could read and write English only, and a similar percent reported Spanish only.

Table 20. ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH AND SPANISH FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING SPANISH MOTHER TONGUE BY AGE AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and sex	Total	Able to read and write --			
		English only	Spanish only	Both English and Spanish	Neither English nor Spanish reported
Total, 14 years and over.....	5,069	1,056	994	2,767	252
14 and 15 years.....	342	147	8	182	5
16 to 24 years.....	1,266	416	159	679	12
25 to 44 years.....	2,138	340	464	1,253	81
45 to 64 years.....	1,057	129	278	566	84
65 years and over.....	266	24	86	87	69
Male, 14 years and over.....	2,375	532	402	1,342	99
14 and 15 years.....	174	91	3	78	2
16 to 24 years.....	574	209	60	298	7
25 to 44 years.....	967	156	185	600	26
45 to 64 years.....	526	66	109	314	37
65 years and over.....	134	11	46	51	26
Female, 14 years and over.....	2,695	526	592	1,425	152
14 and 15 years.....	169	56	5	104	4
16 to 24 years.....	692	208	99	381	4
25 to 44 years.....	1,171	184	279	653	55
45 to 64 years.....	531	63	168	252	48
65 years and over.....	132	14	40	36	42
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION					
Total, 14 years and over.....	100.0	20.8	19.6	54.6	5.0
14 and 15 years.....	100.0	43.0	2.3	53.2	1.5
16 to 24 years.....	100.0	32.9	12.6	53.6	0.9
25 to 44 years.....	100.0	15.9	21.7	58.6	3.8
45 to 64 years.....	100.0	12.2	26.3	53.5	7.9
65 years and over.....	100.0	9.0	32.3	32.7	25.9
Male, 14 years and over.....	100.0	22.4	16.9	56.5	4.2
14 and 15 years.....	100.0	52.3	1.7	44.8	1.1
16 to 24 years.....	100.0	36.4	10.5	51.9	1.2
25 to 44 years.....	100.0	16.1	19.1	62.0	2.7
45 to 64 years.....	100.0	12.5	20.7	59.7	7.0
65 years and over.....	100.0	8.2	34.3	38.1	19.4
Female, 14 years and over.....	100.0	19.5	22.0	52.9	5.6
14 and 15 years.....	100.0	33.1	3.0	61.5	2.4
16 to 24 years.....	100.0	30.1	14.3	55.1	0.6
25 to 44 years.....	100.0	15.7	23.8	55.8	4.7
45 to 64 years.....	100.0	11.9	31.6	47.5	9.0
65 years and over.....	100.0	10.6	30.3	27.3	31.8

27/28 IV. Employment Status and Occupation

About three-fifths of the Spanish origin population was in the labor force; this is about the same proportion as for the Nation as a whole. However, 6.0 percent of the Spanish origin population was unemployed in comparison with 3.5 percent for the remainder of the civilian noninstitutional population. This relationship existed for both men and women. For Spanish origin males, the unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in contrast to 2.7 percent for other men. The unemployment rate for Spanish origin women was 7.5 percent as compared with 4.7 percent for other women.

Table 21. EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY ORIGIN, AGE, AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Total	Spanish origin					Other Origin and origin not reported
		Total Spanish origin	Mexican	Other Spanish origin			
				Total[1]	Puerto Rican	Cuban	
Total, 16 years and over.....	135,239	5,313	2,767	2,547	784	410	129,924
In labor force.....	82,009	3,169	1,613	1,554	463	254	78,839
Percent in labor force.....	60.6	59.6	58.3	61.0	59.1	62.0	60.7
Percent unemployed.....	3.6	6.0	6.2	5.8	6.5	2.0	3.5
Male 16 years and over.....	63,303	2,491	1,322	1,167	358	187	60,812
Percent in labor force.....	79.4	81.2	80.0	82.3	82.7	78.6	79.4
Percent unemployed:							
16 years and over.....	2.8	5.1	5.5	4.4	6.4	2.0	2.7
16 and 17 years.....	15.6	22.7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	15.3
18 to 24 years.....	6.2	9.2	9.8	7.8	(B)	(B)	6.0
25 to 44 years.....	1.6	3.0	2.2	3.6	5.1	2.2	1.6
45 to 64 years.....	1.6	3.8	4.7	2.2	(B)	(B)	1.5
65 years and over....	2.5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	2.5
Female, 16 years and over.....	71,936	2,822	1,444	1,379	425	224	69,114
Percent in labor force.....	44.1	40.6	38.4	42.9	38.8	48.7	44.2
Percent unemployed:							
16 years and over.....	4.8	7.5	7.4	7.3	6.1	0.9	4.7
16 and 17 years.....	17.9	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	17.3
18 to 24 years.....	7.7	9.4	9.5	8.6	(B)	(B)	7.6
25 to 44 years.....	4.3	5.2	4.7	5.3	1.3	(B)	4.3
45 to 64 years.....	2.4	5.2	3.9	6.4	(B)	(B)	2.3
65 years and over....	1.7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	1.8

B Base less than 75,000.
[1]Includes "Central or South American" and "Other Spanish."

Both the male and female Spanish origin workers were concentrated in the lower paying occupations. Only 25 percent of the employed Spanish origin men were in white-collar jobs in comparison to 41 percent for men of all other origins. Similarily, 41 percent of the employed Spanish origin women held white-collar jobs in comparison with 61 percent for females of all other origins.

Table 22. BROAD OCCUPATION GROUP OF EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY ORIGIN AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Broad occupation group and sex	Spanish origin					Other Origin and origin not reported
	Total Spanish origin	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Other Spanish origin		
				Total[1]	Cuban	
Total employed.....	2,980	1,513	433	1,031	249	76,090
Male.....	1,919	1,000	277	642	144	46,973
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-collar workers....	25.3	18.5	19.3	38.0	34.0	41.4
Blue-collar workers.....	58.8	64.4	63.3	49.0	55.3	47.1
Service workers.....	10.5	8.4	16.4	11.3	10.6	6.5
Farm workers.....	5.4	8.7	1.1	1.7	-	5.1
Female.....	1,060	514	155	393	108	29,118
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-collar workers....	40.9	37.7	38.6	46.3	48.1	60.7
Blue-collar workers.....	34.8	29.6	53.6	34.1	41.3	16.1
Service workers.....	23.5	31.5	7.8	19.1	10.6	21.5
Farm workers.....	0.8	1.2	-	0.5	-	1.7

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
[1]Includes "Central or South American" and "Other Spanish."

Of the 19.8 million persons 16 years old and over who reported that they could read and write English and another language, 2.6 million reported they were able to read and write both English and Spanish. Of this 2.6 million, 85 percent of the males and about half of the females were in the labor force. The unemployment rate for these males was somewhat higher than that for men who were literate in English only or in English and a language other than Spanish. There is some evidence that the same relationship existed among females.

Table 23. EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH ONLY, AND ENGLISH AND ANOTHER LANGUAGE BY AGE AND SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status, age, and sex	Total	Able to read and write--			
		English only	English and another language		
			Total	English and Spanish	English and other
Total, 16 years and over.....	135,239	108,199	19,827	2,602	17,226
In labor force.....	82,009	66,824	11,879	1,722	10,155
Percent in labor force...	60.6	61.8	59.9	66.2	59.0
Percent unemployed.....	3.6	3.7	3.0	5.6	2.6
Male, 16 years and over.....	63,303	50,554	9,547	1,275	8,270
Percent in labor force...	79.4	80.4	79.6	85.3	78.7
Percent unemployed:					
16 years and over....	2.8	2.8	2.3	4.9	1.9
16 to 24 years.....	7.9	7.9	8.4	11.9	6.8
25 to 44 years.....	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.1	1.3
Female, 16 years and over....	71,936	57,644	10,279	1,327	8,954
Percent in labor force...	44.1	45.4	41.6	47.9	40.7
Percent unemployed:					
16 years and over....	4.8	5.0	4.3	6.8	3.8
16 to 24 years.....	9.4	9.4	9.7	10.9	8.8
25 to 44 years.....	4.3	4.4	4.2	5.2	3.9

The occupational distribution of employed persons who reported that they were able to read and write English only, and English and another language were similar. However, within the group reporting the ability to read and write English and another language, there was a lower concentration of white-collar workers and a higher concentration of blue-collar workers among those whose other language was Spanish than for those whose other language was not Spanish.

Table 24. BROAD OCCUPATION GROUP OF EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER REPORTING ABILITY TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH ONLY, AND ENGLISH AND ANOTHER LANGUAGE BY SEX: NOVEMBER 1969

(Numbers in thousands)

Broad occupation group and sex	Total	Able to read and write--			
		English only	English and another language		
			Total	English and Spanish	English and other
Total	79,073	64,364	11,517	1,626	9,891
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-collar workers	48.1	48.8	47.8	38.7	49.3
Blue-collar workers	35.8	35.1	36.8	44.7	35.5
Service workers	12.3	12.5	11.3	14.4	10.8
Farm workers	3.8	3.6	4.1	2.2	4.4
Male	48,892	39,513	7,422	1,034	6,388
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-collar workers	40.8	41.0	42.9	31.7	44.7
Blue-collar workers	47.5	47.6	45.0	54.0	43.6
Service workers	6.6	6.5	6.8	10.9	6.2
Farm workers	5.1	4.9	5.2	3.5	5.5
Female	30,180	24,850	4,095	592	3,503
Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-collar workers	60.0	61.2	56.7	50.8	57.7
Blue-collar workers	16.8	15.3	21.8	28.6	20.7
Service workers	21.6	21.9	19.5	20.6	19.3
Farm workers	1.6	1.6	2.0	-	2.3

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.

32/34 I. Income

The median family income was $5,641 for families with a head of Spanish origin and $8,011 for other origins. About 17 percent of the households with heads of Spanish origin reported a family income of less than $3,000, as compared with only 10 percent for other households.

Table 25. FAMILY INCOME FOR HOUSEHOLDS BY ORIGIN OF HEAD: NOVEMBER 1969

Income	Total	Origin of head				
		Spanish				Other Origin and origin not reported
		Total	Mexican	Puerto Rican	Other[1] Spanish origin	
Total households[2]...thous..	46,615	1,927	964	300	663	44,689
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than $1,000.....	2.1	2.6	3.3	1.4	2.1	2.1
$1,000 to $1,999.....	3.7	5.5	5.4	8.5	4.4	3.7
$2,000 to $2,999.....	4.7	8.8	9.8	10.3	6.6	4.6
$3,000 to $3,999.....	6.3	12.1	12.7	14.3	10.1	6.0
$4,000 to $5,999.....	16.1	25.7	25.3	32.2	23.3	15.7
$6,000 to $7,499.....	13.8	14.9	16.6	12.1	13.8	13.8
$7,500 to $9,999.....	20.1	15.4	15.0	10.0	18.3	20.3
$10,000 to $14,999.....	22.1	11.4	9.9	9.3	14.4	22.6
$15,000 to $24,999.....	8.6	3.1	1.6	2.0	5.7	8.8
$25,000 and over.....	2.4	0.6	0.4	-	1.2	2.4
Median income.....dollars..	7,894	5,641	5,488	4,969	6,383	8,011

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
[1]Includes "Cuban," "Central or South American," and "Other Spanish."
[2]Households for which family income was reported.

Table 26. MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME BY ORIGIN AND AGE OF HEAD: NOVEMBER 1969

Origin of head	Total	Age of head		
		18 to 24 years	25 to 44 years	45 to 64 years
Total.....	$7,894	$5,498	$8,478	$7,819
Spanish.....	5,641	4,614	6,122	5,209
Mexican.....	5,488	4,276	6,261	4,860
Puerto Rican.....	4,969	(B)	5,097	5,000
Cuban.....	5,957	(B)	6,042	(B)
Central or South American.....	5,595	(B)	5,607	(B)
Other Spanish.....	6,889	(B)	7,412	6,964
Other and not reported.....	8,011	5,553	8,606	7,920

B Base less than 75,000.

About 2.1 million young persons 3 to 18 years old were living in households where the head reported Spanish as his mother tongue. About 17 percent of these children lived in households with a family income under $3,000, as compared with only 8 percent in the total population.

Table 27. INCOME OF FAMILIES WITH PERSONS 3 TO 18 YEARS OLD IN HOUSEHOLDS BY MOTHER TONGUE: NOVEMBER 1969

Family income	Total	Mother tongue			
		English	Spanish	Other	Not reported
Total persons 3 to 18 years.....thousands..	63,456	59,588	2,050	1,249	568
Percent.....	100.0	93.9	3.2	2.0	0.9
Percent by income.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $3,000.....	7.9	7.7	17.1	7.1	3.9
Less than $1,000.....	1.2	1.2	1.9	1.8	0.9
$1,000 to $1,999.....	2.6	2.5	6.0	1.8	1.1
$2,000 to $2,999.....	4.1	4.0	9.2	3.4	2.0
$3,000 to $3,999.....	5.7	5.5	12.7	7.1	5.4
$4,000 to $5,999.....	14.4	13.9	29.6	16.1	10.9
$6,000 to $9,999.....	32.5	32.8	24.9	32.4	26.1
$10,000 or more.....	33.5	34.5	7.8	26.6	32.2
Not reported.....	6.0	5.7	7.9	10.7	21.4

Appendix

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NOTES

This report is an expansion of the report, P-20, No. 195, published in February 1970. The data shown here were derived from detailed tabulations of the replies to the questions on origin or descent, and on birthplace, language, and literacy asked in the November 1969 Current Population Survey. See page 40 for the wording of the questions.

The category "native" includes persons born in the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, outlying areas of the United States, and persons for whom country of birth was not reported. It excludes the small number of persons born abroad of American parents.

"Mother tongue" is the language reported as spoken in the person's home when he was a child. "Current language" is the language reported as the one usually spoken in the home at the time of the survey. The category "Spanish speaking" refers to persons who reported that Spanish was usually spoken in their home (see page 40, items 39 and 42).

The numbers in this report are in thousands. The figures may differ slightly from table to table since individual numbers were rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

The estimates are based on data obtained November 1969 in the Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the Census. The sample is spread over 449 areas comprising 863 counties and independent cities with coverage in each of the 50 States and District of Columbia. Approximately 50,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,250 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 50,000, there are also about 8,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates were based on statistics from the 1960 Census of Population; statistics of births, deaths, immigration, and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates. Since the estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from figures obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions, and enumerators. As in any survey work, the results are subject to errors of response and of reporting as well as being subject to sampling variability.

The standard error is primarily a measure of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population is surveyed. As calculated for this report, the standard error also partially measures the effect of response and enumeration errors but does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the sample would differ from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

The figures presented in tables B and C are approximations to the standard errors of various estimates shown in this report. In order to derive standard errors that would be applicable to a wide variety of items and could be prepared at a moderate cost, a number of approximations were required. As a result, the tables of standard errors provide an indication of the order of magnitude of the standard errors rather than the precise standard error for any specific item. Table B shows standard errors of estimated numbers.

Table B. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATED NUMBERS

(68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error	Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000.....	10,100	2,500,000....	99,000
50,000.....	14,300	5,000,000....	140,000
100,000.....	20,200	10,000,000...	196,000
250,000.....	32,000	25,000,000...	300,000
500,000.....	45,000	50,000,000...	396,000
1,000,000.....	63,000		

The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the percentage and the size of the total upon which

the percentage is based. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. Table C contains the standard errors of estimated percentages.

Illustration of the use of tables of standard errors. Table 9 of this report shows that in November 1969, 4,081,000 persons with Spanish mother tongue lived in the five Southwestern States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. Table B shows the standard error on an estimate of this size to be approximately 125,000. The chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimate would have been a figure differing from a complete census by less than 125,000. The chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would have been a figure differing from a complete census by less than 250,000.

Of these 4,081,000 persons, 982,000, or 24.1 percent, were foreign born. Table C shows the standard error of 24.1 percent on a base of 4,081,000 to be approximately 1.4 percent. Consequently, chances are 68 out of 100 that the estimated 24.1 percent would be within 1.4 percentage points of a complete census figure; and chances are 95 out of 100 that the estimate would be within 2.8 percentage points of a census figure; i.e., this 95 percent confidence interval would be from 21.3 to 26.9 percent.

Table C. STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATED PERCENTAGES

(68 chances out of 100)

Estimated percentage	Base of percentage (thousands)										
	100	250	500	1,000	2,500	5,000	10,000	25,000	50,000	100,000	200,000
2 or 98.....	2.8	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
5 or 95.....	4.3	2.8	2.0	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
10 or 90.....	6.0	3.8	2.7	2.0	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
25 or 75.....	8.7	5.5	3.9	2.8	1.7	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2
50.....	10.1	6.3	4.5	3.2	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.2

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34. In what State *(or foreign country)* was ... born?

- This State
- Different State
- Puerto Rico
- Other U.S. Terr.
- Austria
- Cuba
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Mexico
- Poland
- Russia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other *(Specify)*
- Don't Know

35. In what State *(or foreign country)* was ... 's father born?

- This State
- Different State
- Puerto Rico
- Other U.S. Terr.
- Austria
- Cuba
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Mexico
- Poland
- Russia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other *(Specify)*
- Don't Know

36. In what State *(or foreign country)* was ... 's mother born?

- This State
- Different State
- Puerto Rico
- Other U.S. Terr.
- Austria
- Cuba
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Mexico
- Poland
- Russia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom
- Other *(Specify)*
- Don't Know

NOW I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT. . . 'S ORIGIN OR DESCENT. FIRST, I'LL ASK ABOUT SPANISH DESCENT–

37. Is ... 's origin or descent _____ ?

(Read list and fill one circle only)

- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Central or South American
- Other Spanish

(Skip to 39)

- None of these *(Ask 38)*

38. What is ... 's origin or descent?

- German
- Irish
- Italian
- Polish
- Russian
- English
- Negro
- American Indian
- Other *(Specify)*
- Don't Know

NEXT, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT LANGUAGES–

39. What language is <u>now</u> usually spoken in ... 's home?

- French
- German
- Italian
- Polish
- Spanish
- Yiddish
- English
- Other *(Specify)*

40. Can . . . read and write that language?

- Yes
- No

(Fill Check Item A)

CHECK ITEM A

Entry in 39 is:

- English *(Skip to 42)*
- Any other entry *(Ask 41)*

41. Can ... read and write English?

- Yes
- No

42. What language, other than English, was spoken in ... 's home <u>when he was a child</u>?

- French
- German
- Italian
- Polish
- Spanish
- Yiddish
- Other *(Specify)*
- None *(English only skip to 45)*

CHECK ITEM B

Entries in 39 and 42 are:

- Same *(Skip to 45)*
- Different *(Ask 43)*

43. Can ... read and write that language now?

- Yes *(Skip to 45)*
- No *(Ask 44)*

44. Can ... speak or understand that language now?

- Yes
- No

(Fill 45)